

The fund seeks to educate the public about early diagnosis, preventions and treatment of melanoma in medically underserved communities in New Mexico. Whether working with the ADL or funding cancer research, Evy has consistently demonstrated her compassion and devotion to fighting for important causes.

However, Evy's greatest love, after Jeff and her sons, was her career as a teacher. She was an outstanding educator who instilled a love of learning, hard work, and excellence in all her students. Those students have gone on to become leaders in law enforcement, health care, and many other professions throughout our community. Indeed, we need more teachers like Evy who devote themselves to their students with passion and find innovative ways to teach and support her students.

On April 18, 2016, at the age of 84, Evy passed away in her home in Carlsbad with Jeff and her son, Max Shaw, at her side. In addition to her husband Jeff and her son Max, she is survived by Shannon's wife, Christine, and their two children, Jacob and Marlena Shaw Davis. Evy was a true friend whom we will all miss dearly. I cherish our friendship and all of the wonderful contributions she has made to our state. Her memory and legacy is a blessing to us all.

RECOGNIZING GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SCHOOL NURSES

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2016

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate nurses and school nurse support staff of the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) in honor of the 2016 National School Nurses Day. There are currently 44 Registered Nurses and 3 Licensed Practical Nurses serving the students of the Guam Department of Education. These nurses take on the daunting task of caring for the Guam Department of Education's more than 30,000 students and nearly 4,000 employees of the Guam Department of Education. These school nurses work day in and day out to remove the barriers to learning and ensure the health of our island's children.

Guam Department of Education nurses join the National Association of School Nurses in celebrating the theme of this year's School Nurses Day: Better Health; Better Learning. They also join the American Nurses Association in celebrating the 2016 Nurses Week: Culture of Safety; It Starts With You! GDOE nurses have chosen to celebrate National School Nurses Day by teaching students how to conduct hands only CPR.

Every year the GDOE nurses serve a critical role in providing a safe and healthy learning environment for students throughout Guam's public elementary, middle, and high schools. GDOE nurses provide frontline, critical care for the most fragile children in our community and are members of health teams that support both educational and response initiatives dedicated to improving public health. Additionally, school nurses are liaisons to the school administrators, parents and healthcare providers when it comes to attending to the physical health of our island's students.

Every school year is different and challenging for the GDOE nurses. In April, the

school nurses received a call from the Department of Public Health and Social Services asking them to administer 5,000 doses of TB skin test solution to GDOE students and staff who need updates. The school nurses embraced the challenge and were able to host TB clinics in almost every GDOE school for students and staff. Despite these challenges, our island's school nurses have responded to these needs with professionalism and passion for the school communities they serve.

I commend and congratulate nurses and school nurse support staff of the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) as they celebrate the 2016 National School Nurses Day and on a successful school year. I join the people of Guam in expressing our appreciation for their contributions to Guam's school communities.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2016

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on May 10 and 11, 2016 I was absent. Vice President BIDEN gave an important address about U.S. foreign policy in the Western Hemisphere in my District and I was part of the program. Had I been present on Tuesday May 10, I would have voted "yes" on H.R. 4957 and H.R. 5052. Had I been present on Wednesday May 11, I would have voted "no" on the Previous Questions on H. Res. 720, "no" on Agreeing to H. Res. 720, "yes" on H.R. 4843, and lastly, had I been present I would have voted "yes" on H.R. 4641—the same way I voted in Committee when we were considering the bill in the Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee Markup on April 20, 2016 and in the full Energy and Commerce Committee Markup on April 27, 2016.

HEROIN EPIDEMIC IN SOUTH JERSEY

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2016

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the growing addiction crisis and the challenge it presents for families and communities in South Jersey.

We need to take action now, and it is with resolve, that I stand with the Bipartisan Task Force to Combat the Heroin Epidemic, and local leaders like Ocean County Prosecutor Joseph D. Coronato and Ocean County Sheriff Michael G. Mastronardy. New Jersey's heroin overdose death rate is triple the soaring U.S. rate and our local officials have made combating the addiction epidemic a top priority. They have sought partnerships between law enforcement, hospitals and educators, and created a Drug Task Force to coordinate efforts with local police forces. The steps Congress is taking are strong and necessary, and I am proud to lead that effort by supporting bipartisan bills to address this growing crisis.

Ocean County admits more people for heroin addiction treatment than any county in

New Jersey. I wish we didn't have such high numbers of people needing help—but as long as they need assistance, we must make sure they get it, so they can improve their lives and provide hope to those struggling with this disease.

Mr. Speaker, the people of New Jersey's Third Congressional District are tremendously grateful for the hard work done by Prosecutor Coronato, Sheriff Mastronardy and others like them. All of us know someone whose life has been affected by drug addiction—we need to fight this epidemic now.

RECOGNIZING THE LEADERSHIP OF CAROL ANN MOONEY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2016

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize the significant leadership of a selfless educator and inspirational woman, Carol Ann Mooney. After a storied career in Catholic education in South Bend, Indiana, Mrs. Mooney will be retiring from her position as president of St. Mary's College after holding that title for twelve years.

Mrs. Mooney's love for St. Mary's is tried and true, seeing as she is the first lay alumna President of the university. She attended St. Mary's from 1968–1972, then made the short physical but grand intellectual journey to the University of Notre Dame Law School, where she graduated first in her class. After a stint in law firms here in Washington D.C., she returned to South Bend to join the University of Notre Dame Law School's faculty, in her journey holding the titles of assistant dean, associate dean, university vice president, and associate provost. In 2004, she was delighted to return to the alma mater that she and I share to become its first alumna president.

Mrs. Mooney's tenure at St. Mary's is defined by her deep love for the school. Under her leadership, the school saw unprecedented growth with a record-breaking fundraising campaign, underwent a lengthy accreditation process with the Higher Learning Commission, rapidly expanded diversity on the campus, and launched three graduate programs.

More than anything, Mrs. Mooney will be remembered as a mentor, who was available to talk to students always. The young women of St. Mary's College will certainly miss Mrs. Mooney, but not as much as she will miss seeing them as she has for the better portion of her life. During retirement, Mrs. Mooney and her husband will stay in South Bend, but plan to visit their four children and grandchild as much as possible.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the selfless dedication this woman has given to educating young people and shaping the future generation of leaders and thinkers. For this she deserves our undue respect, admiration, and praise—though her humility will likely not allow her to accept it.

IN HONOR OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN NORTH CAROLINA'S 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2016

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the brave men and women who faithfully serve in North Carolina's 8th District as law enforcement officers.

In 1962, Congress established National Police Week to pay our respects to officers who died in the line of duty, as well as those who continue to serve. This is a week for all of us to join together and show support for these heroes in blue.

It is because of their tireless—and sometimes unnoticed—work that we remain safe in our homes. Their commitment to our community deserves our gratitude and appreciation, and their service is an example to all of us.

As Representative of North Carolina's eighth district, I'm committed to making sure our law enforcement officers have the tools needed to do their jobs. Just last week, the House passed five bills supporting our law enforcement community, including legislation to protect our police forces' access to bulletproof vests and enable them to carry their firearms when off-duty.

Mr. Speaker, these brave men and women continue to serve our communities year after year, and it's important to offer them our sincere gratitude. I ask my fellow Americans, to join me in reflecting on the sacrifice of our fallen officers, honoring those who are currently serving, and saying a big thank you to these heroes and their families.

THE AGENT ORANGE RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2016

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2016

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in effort to heal the post-conflict, human cost of war by caring for the children of our Vietnam veterans living with Spina Bifida resulting from Agent Orange exposure.

Spina Bifida, which literally means "split spine," is a condition in which a baby's spinal column fails to close properly during pregnancy. Typically, an adult with Spina Bifida may suffer from nerve damage, paralysis, and difficulty completing ordinary, day-to-day tasks, and generally, surgery must be performed within 24 hours of the child's birth to minimize the risk of further damage due to infection, and to preserve any remaining function in the spinal cord. In many cases, those suffering from Spina Bifida require costly surgeries and extensive medical care because of potential paralysis resulting from damage to the spinal cord. Thankfully, due to medical advances, most children born with Spina Bifida live well into their adulthood.

The Department of Veterans Affairs presumes a link between Vietnam-era veterans exposed to herbicides such as Agent Orange, and the incidences of Spina Bifida in their biological children.

The Agent Orange Benefits Act (Public Law 104-204), which became law in 1996, established a benefits package for the children of Vietnam veterans as a result of exposure of one or both biological parents to herbicide during active duty in the Vietnam war. These benefits include lifetime health care services for Spina Bifida and any disability associated with Spina Bifida, a monthly monetary allowance, and VA vocational training and rehabilitation service. The Act authorized the VA to provide such benefits effective October 1, 1997, but not earlier than the date of the VA's receipt of an individual's claim for benefits. Regrettably however, this legislation did not tackle the already incurred medical costs directly correlated to Spina Bifida.

According to the VA, there are approximately 1,200 affected children of Vietnam-era veterans receiving compensation since enactment of the Agent Orange Benefits Act. While these children became eligible for benefits in 1997, these veterans and their families have been left with the cost of years of medical care necessary to treat a child's condition since birth that was directly attributable to the veteran's wartime service.

The Agent Orange Reconciliation Act of 2016 would make the benefits for children of Vietnam-era veterans born with and currently suffering from Spina Bifida effective beginning at birth. As a result, this bill would provide a one-time retroactive monetary payment to the families enduring this condition to compensate for treatment of the symptoms of Spina Bifida from birth until enactment of the Agent Orange Benefits Act.

Let us provide the benefits for which we are responsible with this important legislation. Our provision of benefits to the children of Vietnam veterans living suffering from Spina Bifida from their birth not only honors the service of these veterans but also recognizes the harmful and continued effects of Agent Orange Exposure in later generations.

FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF NEW YORK OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES HONOREE LIST

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2016

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a special tribute to nineteen exemplary young men and women who have chosen to serve their country in various branches of the Armed Forces of the United States. These courageous individuals will be dedicating themselves to the cause of protecting the security and welfare of their fellow citizens. I admire their strong sense of patriotism, as well as their desire to protect our values and make certain we remain the great nation we are today. Each of the following students has my deepest appreciation for their service to this country. These students will be honored by Our Community Salutes, a local community group, on May 19, 2016 at the Our Community Salutes Brookhaven Town Enlistee Recognition Ceremony at Sunset Harbor in Patchogue, NY.

Of the nineteen from my district, three have joined the U.S. Army; their names are the following: Jacob Bernocco of Patchogue-Medford

High School; Janneth Guambana of Center Moriches High School; and Alexis Wallace of William Floyd High School.

Twelve have joined the U.S. Marines; their names are the following: Scott Amato of William Floyd High School; Deny Amaya of Center Moriches High School; Tyler Baudier of William Floyd High School; Alexander Cruz-Perez of William Floyd High School; Dion Kennedy of Center Moriches High School; William Ladolcetta of William Floyd High School; Jonas Marrello of Center Moriches High School; Camron McLeod of Longwood High School; Michael Murphy of William Floyd High School; Shaun O'Mara of Patchogue-Medford High School; Caleb Richters of Longwood High School; and Terrell Sinclair of William Floyd High School.

One has joined the U.S. Navy; his name is Adam Erkan of Bellport High School.

One has joined the U.S. Air Force; her name is Jilian McCabe of Patchogue-Medford High School.

One has joined the U.S. Coast Guard; his name is James Giarraputo of Center Moriches High School.

One has joined the Air National Guard; his name is Jakob Klaus of Center Moriches High School.

Mr. Speaker, we should be extremely grateful to each and every one of these nineteen individuals. Their call to duty cannot be underscored or admired enough and it is my distinct honor and privilege to represent them and their families in the First Congressional District of New York. I wish them the best of luck in their respective branches and in all of their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2016

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I was absent on May 12, 2016, and May 13, 2016. If I were present, I would have voted on the following:

Thursday, May 12, 2016

Roll no. 186—H.R. 5046—On agreeing to the Lynch amendment: YEA.

Roll no. 187—H.R. 5046—On passage: YEA.

Roll no. 188—H.R. 1818—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended: YEA.

Roll no. 189—H.R. 4586—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended: YEA.

Friday, May 13, 2016

Roll no. 190—H. Res. 725—On ordering the previous question: NAY.

Roll no. 191—H. Res. 725—On agreeing to the resolution: NAY.

Roll no. 192—On approving the Journal: YEA.

Roll no. 193—S. 524—On passage: YEA.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference.